GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

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POLLUTION NORMS FOR VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether inspite of legal provision and High Court rulings in several States, new set of pollution norms for transport vehicles have not come into force as yet in major cities, metropolies of the country;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the reaction of the transporters to the new set of new pollution norms; and

(d) the details of the initiatives proposed to be taken to deal with the problems realistically?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such representations have been received in this Ministry.

(d) Government have already taken following steps in order to curb vehicular pollution :-

(i) Emission standards for different categories of vehicles including transport vehicles were introduced in the year 1990 and subsequently modified with stringent standards effective from 1992, 1996 and 2000. Emission norms (Bharat Stage II - akin to Euroll norms) for four wheeled vehicles having gross vehicle weight upto 3.5 tonnes to be effective from 1.4.2000 in the National Capital Region, Delhi have also been notified vide GSR No. 77(E) dated 31.1.2000.

(ii) Fitment of Catalytic Converter is mandatory for all four wheeled petrol driven vehicles for registration in four Metro cities and other 45 cities of the country. Exhaust emission of such vehicles are 50% less than that of vehicles not fitted with Catalytic converter.

(iii) Separate set of emission standards for vehicles fitted with Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) have been notified vide GSR No.99 (E) dated 9.2.2000.

(iv) Emission standards for agriculture tractors have also been notified vide GSR No.627 (E) dated 8.9.99.